

House Resolution No. 1243

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be admirable citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their business practices; and

Whereas, George, Orval, Harold, Alice, and Wilbur Jennings attained considerable distinction as the children of Arthur C. Jennings and Molly Yancy Jennings, who founded Jennings Market in Butler, Missouri; and

Whereas, on March 27, 2008, the remaining four Jennings siblings will enhance their already impressive record of achievement when they are presented with the Bob Hall-Friend of the Chamber Award from the Butler Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, after more than seventy-five years in operation, Jennings Market closed in February 2008 in order to allow Orval, Harold, Alice, and Wilbur Jennings to enjoy some of the opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Whereas, located on the Butler town square, Jennings Market was an old-fashioned, family-owned, hometown grocery store that was the first in town to be self-service, the first to be air-conditioned, and the second in the state to join Associated Wholesale Grocers; and

Whereas, Jennings Market also developed and maintained an excellent reputation as a grocery store that would deliver purchases to customers who were home-bound, elderly, or ill; and

Whereas, founders Arthur and Molly Jennings started out life as farmers who made pork sausage and sold it from the trunk of their car; and

Whereas, Arthur and Molly Jennings subsequently purchased a store that specialized in dry goods, produce, eggs, chickens, and gasoline in order to teach their children business skills, a decision that proved to be profitable for them for the rest of their careers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered down through the years by the members of the Jennings family and to convey to all of them this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon their selection for a Bob Hall-Friend of the Chamber Award from the Butler Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of George, Harold, Alice, Wilbur, and Orval Jennings of Butler, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Barney Fisher
District No. 125

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1243, adopted March 26, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker